

Cannon Beach CERT moves to Police Department

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Jason Schermerhorn

CANNON BEACH — The all-volunteer CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) of Cannon Beach will be supervised by the Cannon Beach Police Department.

CERT members — who get trained and certified in first aid, disaster preparedness, evacuation protocols, the Incident Command System and the National Incident Management System — are most often seen at major community events, such as Sandcastle

Day, and emergencies, such as dangerous coastal storms. Their essential duties often

include crowd control, directing traffic, setting up radio communication and providing “a reassuring presence,” said Lianne Thompson, a former Cannon Beach CERT leader who stepped down to focus on her new role as the Clatsop County commissioner for District 5.

CERT “just gives you more of a cadre of people to count on if there’s an emergency,” said Cannon Beach Police Chief Jason Schermerhorn.

Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue has overseen Can-

non Beach’s CERT program since 2013, but it wasn’t making use of the roughly 20 active volunteers as often as the Police Department would, Fire Chief Mike Balzer said.

Moreover, “We don’t have the manpower or the budget to take on a whole CERT program,” he added. “I think they can use them better in the city.”

Cannon Beach Fire and Rescue, which is not a city department but a rural fire protection district, has two paid staff members — Balzer

and Capt. Matt Gardner. The Police Department has nine paid staff members, plus the lifeguards and parking information officers during the summer.

More available staff members means more opportunities for training and reinforcing the CERT volunteers’ “muscle memory” of emergency response, Thompson said.

CERT, “both locally and on a wider scale, is in a state of flux” because, with the effects of climate change, there is a greater potential

for natural disasters, she said.

Schermerhorn is seeking a new Cannon Beach CERT leader as well as arranging for more CERT training.

Team members will work closely with their fellow CERTs in Arch Cape and Falcon Cove, Cannon Beach’s emergency preparedness committee and cache container subcommittee, and potentially the lifeguards, Schermerhorn said.

“They’re just another great asset the city’s proud to bring on board,” he said.

Coffenbury Lake featured in new interactive map for disabled anglers

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WARRENTON — Coffenbury Lake in Fort Stevens State Park and the Sixth Street viewing platform in Astoria are among 133 sites across the state found suitable for anglers with physical disabilities.

The Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife unveiled an interactive, Google-based map Tuesday designed to help disabled anglers find places to fish.

The map contains icons that launch information boxes with accessibility information about the sites such as fishing platforms, piers, docks, paths, restrooms and parking, ODFW said.

Anglers can also use the maps to get directions from their location to any of the sites.

“There are many places around Oregon that offer excellent fishing opportunities for people with disabilities,” Rick Hargrave, administrator for ODFW’s Information and Education Division, said in a news release. “We hope this map makes it easier for everyone — from the oldest adult to the youngest child and everyone in between, to get out and fish.”

Coffenbury Lake is a 50-acre lake located in Fort Stevens State Park, two miles west of Warrenton. It features an improved boat ramp, docks and bank access. The fish species found in Coffenbury Lake include rainbow trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch, brown bullhead, surplus hatchery steelhead when available.

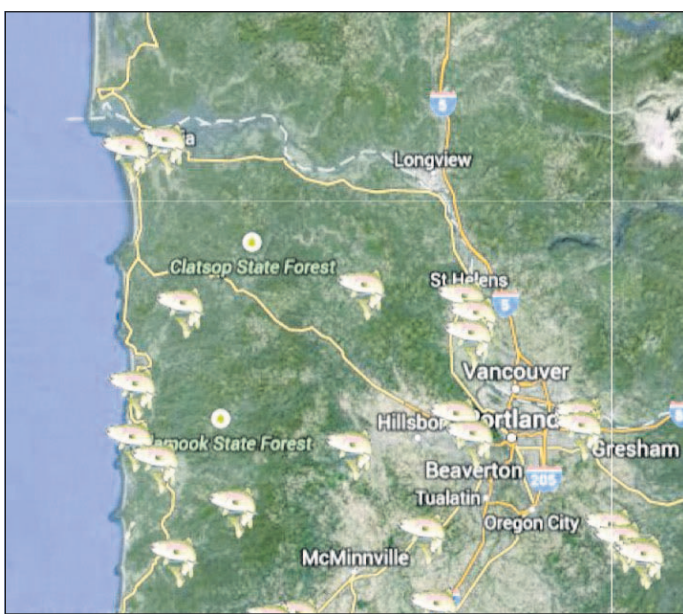
The Sixth Street viewing platform in Astoria offers anglers fishing off of a dock for sturgeon, salmon and steelhead.

Other nearby locations found on the new map include the Nehalem Hatchery and Vernonia Pond.

Many popular fishing locations are already accessible to disabled anglers, ODFW said. The new map is a guide to such areas.

Hargrave said accessibility varies and some sites may not be suitable for all levels of disability.

The new map can be accessed at <http://bit.ly/1y-3F0qA>.



A 50-acre lake located in Fort Stevens State Park 2 miles west of Warrenton. Improved boat ramp, docks and good bank access. Fish species: rainbow trout, largemouth bass, yellow perch, brown bullhead, surplus hatchery steelhead when available. ODFW Recreation Report

Community Action Team receives grant to expand home visiting services

By KYLE SPURR
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The Community Action Team, a local nonprofit serving Columbia, Clatsop and Tillamook counties, recently received a \$136,600 expansion grant for its Healthy Families home visiting program.

Healthy Families is a free, voluntary family support and parent education home visiting program for prenatal and new birth families. The program offers developmental screenings, support and information, according to the Community Action Team.

Parents receive information on child development, infant care and keeping their baby healthy.

Many families are eligible for home visits with a trained home visitor, who coaches them as they build their parenting skills.

Sunday Kamppi, program coordinator for Columbia and Clatsop County, said the Community Action Team first applied to the Oregon Health Authority for the grant funding nearly four years ago.

It was awarded the grant this year in the second round of funding.

The expansion grant will double the number of family service slots available in Clatsop County from 20 to about 40, Kamppi said. It will also open up more Spanish-speaking slots as well.

The goal of Healthy Families is to increase the number of children ready for school and reduce the likelihood of child abuse and neglect in participating new birth families by improving parenting skills, enhancing family functioning and increasing families’ connections with other resources, according to the Community Action Team.

Annually, the Community Action Team serves more than 16,000 people.

Healthy Families of Clatsop County is part of the national Healthy Families America Network, an evidence-based home visiting program.

“Sometimes you need extra support and that is what our home visitors are there for,” Kamppi said.

CommuniCare offers grants to nonprofits

Astoria High School’s CommuniCare group is looking for nonprofits focused on education, the environment and emergency services. Nonprofits in the community that fit one of these categories can apply for a grant that will be given out in the spring. For more information about the program or how to apply, contact Casey Litwin at caseylitwin@astoria.k12.or.us

CommuniCare introduces young people to philanthropy by putting them in charge of a minifoundation.

The students are chal-

lenged to raise \$500. If they are successful, the Harold & Arlene Schnitzer CARE Foundation awards a matching grant of \$7,500, with up to \$500 in additional money raised matched at a five-to-one ratio. If students do not meet their goal, the foundation matches dollars raised at a 10-to-one ratio. Since the program’s inception in 1998, more than \$700,000 has been granted to more than 160 nonprofits.

Last year in the program, Warrenton and Astoria high school Key Club members each granted more than

\$10,000 to local nonprofits and programs at their high schools. Their gifts were matched tenfold by the Harold and Arlene Schnitzer CARE Foundation.

“Philanthropy doesn’t have to be in huge amounts to make a big difference,” said

Arlene Schnitzer, in town with her son Jordan and other foundation members for the CommuniCare grant awards ceremony last May. “I hope you remember that for whatever you do, wherever life takes you, it’s the little things that count.”

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On the record

Disorderly conduct

• At 1:47 a.m. Tuesday, Warrenton Police arrested Mark Jordan Connell, 23, for disorderly conduct after he allegedly caused a disturbance outside an apartment at 182 S.W. Cedar Ave. Police said Connell appearing intoxicated

outside pounding on the door to get back inside.

DUII arrest

• At 6:49 a.m. Monday, the Clatsop County Sheriff’s Office arrested Gordon Eugene Tucker, 57, for driving under the influence of intoxicants on U.S. Highway 26 in Elsie.

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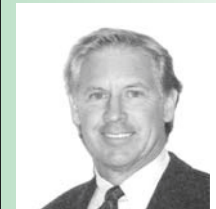
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